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Dear Mr. Morissette,

My tape player finally turned up and I've listened with interest to your conversation with former Dallas Police Sgt. Stavis Ellis. It confirms what you told me, that Curry had told him that he and another policeman he should select would move Oswald at about 2 a.m. and the Mayor Earl Cabell and City Manager Elgin Crull ordered Curry not to do that and to make the move when the media could cover it. The problem is that there is no confirmation and as you say, former detective Jim Leavelle says it is a "tall story." I can see why with no confirmation you could not get it published. And we may never know whether it is true or a tall story.

Some of what Ellis told you is little-known but is true, like that the two motorcycle policemen on Kennedy's right saw bullets impact. He also said the other two also did, Hargis and Martin, but I have no recollection of their being quoted on that.

At the same time I doubt some of what he said. For example, it is my recollection is that Vaughn was alone on the Main Street garage entrance when Ruby is supposed to have entered that way. Sgt. Patrick Dean was on the other side, toward the Commerce St. entrance. It is alos not true that Ruby could have been tipped off about the time of the transfer so he could be there to shoot because in fact that transfer was more than an hour after the announced time. Which nobody knew in advance it would be. And as a matter of fact, ~~XXXXX~~ Ruby did just make it at that after he wired that money to the stripper. That was only about five minutes before he shot. That he may have entered as part of a TV crew may be what happened but we do not know. If Vaughn knew him he'd have known he was not part of any TV crew.

I doubt that Oswald was ever at Ruby's joint, as Ellis says.

It is interesting and it makes sense that Curry would want the move to be secret, but it has no confirmation and when I spoke to Curry after he retired and was working for a bank he indicated no such thing. Nor did he to clear his name before he died. Nor does he seem to have left any record that would clear his name.

It also makes a kind of sense that public officials, concerned about Dallas' reputation, would have wanted the move to be in public, more or less what was said about Curry when it was said that the decision was his. But I fear there now is no way that Ellis can be confirmed on the Oswald move.

It is interesting and I thank you for it.

Sincerely,

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